

## REMARKS

Claims 4-20 and 33 are pending in this application, and claims 1-3, 21-32 and 34-37 have been cancelled.

### ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 4-5, 11 and 33-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 4, 5, 11, and 33 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has rewritten claim 33 in independent form to recite a markush group that includes the spacer formula recited in each of claims 33, 34 and 35, as suggested by the Examiner. As such, claims 4-5, 11 and 33 should be in condition for allowance.

With regard to dependent claims 12-20, claim 12 has been amended to depend from amended claim 11, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 13-20 also ultimately depend from amended claim 11. With regard to claim 6, this claim has been amended to depend from amended claim 5. As such, claims 4-20 and 33 should be in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and

favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7505.

Respectfully submitted,



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